

AMENDMENT AND PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS

Please replace all prior claims in the present application with the following claims, in which no claim is canceled, withdrawn, amended, or newly added.

1. (Previously Presented) In a telecommunications network, a method comprising the steps of:

receiving a request to forward calls directed to a first destination to a second destination; and
contacting the second destination to obtain an approval for the request to forward calls from
the first destination to the second destination.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of denying the request to forward calls when the approval is not obtained.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of granting the request to forward calls when the approval is obtained.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of contacting comprises placing a call to the second destination and requesting the approval.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the telecommunications system includes an interactive voice response (IVR) unit that generates a voice message for requesting the approval.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first destination is a telephone set.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first destination is a computer system with telephony capabilities for placing a call.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the second destination is a computer system with telephony capabilities for receiving a call.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the second destination is a computer system with telephony capabilities for receiving a call.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the second destination is a telephone set.

11. (Original) In a telecommunications network having a first computer system and a second computer system, a method comprising the steps of:

providing a configuration wherein a video communication session is initially directed to the first computer system;

receiving a request to direct the video communication session to the second computer system;

sending a communication to the second computer system to obtain approval of the request; and

redirecting the video communication session to the second computer system when the approval is obtained.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the video communication session is a video conferencing session.

13. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the step of sending the communication comprises sending an electronic mail message.

14. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the step of sending the communication comprises sending a video mail message.

15. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the step of sending the communication comprises sending a facsimile.

16. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the step of sending the communication comprises placing a phone call.

17. (Original) The method of claim 11 further comprising the step of denying the request when the approval is not obtained.

18. (Previously Presented) A call forwarding system comprising:

a switch for directing calls intended for a first destination to a second destination when call forwarding is activated; and

approval logic coupled to the switch for contacting the second destination to obtain approval for the request to direct the calls from the first destination to the second destination before call forwarding is activated.

19. (Original) The call forwarding system of claim 18, wherein the switch is a private branch exchange (PBX).

20. (Previously Presented) The call forwarding system of claim 18, wherein the approval logic comprises an interactive voice response unit for generating a verbal message soliciting the approval for the directing of the calls.

21. (Previously Presented) The call forwarding system of claim 18, wherein call forwarding is not activated if the approval for the directing of the calls is not obtained.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of automatically forwarding calls when the approval is obtained.

23. (Previously Presented) A method of processing a multi-media call, the method comprising:

receiving a request to forward the multi-media call directed to a first destination to a second destination; and

obtaining an approval for the request from the second destination to forward the multi-media call from the first destination to the second destination.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the multi-media call supports one of a facsimile session, an email session, a paging session, and a video session.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the approval is obtained via a web interface.